Sales earned by IA from Dibrugarh, Jorhat and Guwahati

3969. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of sales generated by Dibrugarh, Jorhat and Guwahati stations of Indian Airlines during the last three years, upto July 1988, month-wise;

(b) the amount of sales generated by booking agents of Indian Airlines at the said stations agent-wise, during the last three years upto July, 1988, month-wise;

(c) the amount of commission paid to the booking agents agent-wise during the last three years upto July, 1988; month-wise;

(d) whether Government propose to introduce computer reservation facility at Dibrugarh and Jorhat in view of severe hardships and inconvenience faced by passegners for reservations|confirmations due to their sole dependence on Guwahati| Calcutta for the purpose; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(d) and (e) Computerised reservation facility is available at Dibrugarh and Jorhat through direct Teleprinter Link between these stations and Computer Centre and as such there is no dependency on Guwahati or Calcutta. The question of installing high speed data circuits for these two stations has been taken up with the Department of Telecommunications. Extension of the C.R.T. facility is dependent upon the feasibility report.

Responsibility of the National Airports Authority for running airports

3970. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to assign any specific responsibility to National Airports Authority for efficient running of the airports in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that basic passenger amenities at the airports are not available;

(c) what is the cost of the administration of National Airports Authority including salaries, etc. of staff etc.;

(d) whether the National Airports Authority is over-staffed; and

(e) what corrective steps are being taken to obtain service and to fix responsibility of erring officers of the Authority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The National Airports Authority has been set up under the National Airports Authority Act, 1985, which lays down the responsibilities to be performed by the National Airports Authority.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The cost of administration of the National Airports Authority including salaries of administrative staff for the year 1987-88 has been Rs. 700.84 lakhs approximately.

(d) The Authority has been set up only recently and no assessment of staff has been made.

(e) The National Airports Authority Management keeps a close watch on the performance of its field officers and regularly monitors the complaints/suggestions received by the Authority.

Construction of low cost Hotels

3971. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of 2 star and 3 Star Hotels in the country as on March 31, 1988 State-wise; and the total number of rooms in these hotels;